



Homeless Service Providers Survey

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Main Points

- Of the 99 agencies surveyed, 55% responded with Anchorage having the highest rate of response.
- The number of homeless reported in the communities of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau grew substantially from the July 31, 2000 Homeless Survey. Agencies generally reported a greater number of homeless in the Winter months. However, the 12% increase in homeless reported since the last Winter survey can be linked to the inclusion of data on homeless families wait-listed for AHFC Public Housing.
- Self-reported rates of homeless violence dropped in Anchorage, but continue to rise in other areas of the state.
- Almost half of the homeless in the survey were male, single, and in their 30s.
- The number of reported homeless youth in Anchorage was 13% matching the rate reported in the last Winter Homeless Survey. Overall, however, reported homeless youth continue to rise compared to 1998 and 1999 homeless surveys.
- The percentage of White and Alaska Native homeless were identical at 41%. However, in the community of Anchorage, Alaska Natives represented a larger percentage of the homeless population than Whites.
- The most prevalent disability reported was mental illness, 20%
- The percentage of homeless with substance abuse problems in Anchorage and the rest of the state dropped to 39%.

Introduction

The Homeless Service Providers Survey defines homelessness based on standard established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. A person may be considered homeless if they lack a *fixed, regular, and adequate* nighttime residence or have a *primary* nighttime residence in any facility *not designed for permanent* living. The survey does not consider, as homeless, individuals who reside in permanent housing, unless the housing is substandard or overcrowded.

Please note that homeless surveys attempt to define a segment of the population that is dynamic and not easily identified or understood. There are many factors that generally limit the validity of such studies. Users of homeless surveys need to carefully examine the work done and consider the following limitations of all homeless research:

- 1) **Self-report** – Homeless surveys depend on self-disclosure and assume that people understand what it means to be homeless and furthermore, that people are comfortable in reporting self-characteristics that may be perceived as socially undesirable, such as mental illness or substance abuse.
- 2) **Overestimation** - Homeless surveys can overcount the number of homeless seeking services by not considering or controlling for duplication within and across agencies.
- 3) **Generalizing to the Entire Homeless Population** – Homeless surveys often attempt to make generalizations about the entire population from limited samples of shelters and food kitchens. It is important to note that homeless may also be found in domestic violence shelters, libraries, cars, parks, or other nontraditional locations.
- 4) **Rural Factors** - It is important to point out that there are pronounced differences between urban and rural areas when it comes to homelessness. While urban communities often have shelters, day centers, and food kitchens for the homeless, rural communities often lack these facilities. The absence of these facilities can result in reports which may incorrectly conclude that rural areas do not have a homeless problem. A rural community often relies on non-traditional shelter arrangements to take care of the homeless. Many persons in rural areas without a home may board with friends or relatives in substandard or overcrowded housing. The consequences of such living arrangements often place significant stress on a community.

The Homeless Service Providers Survey is a “*point-in-time estimate*” completed by service providers semi-annually on a predetermined day. The purpose of the survey is to gather descriptive information on the homeless who receive services from particular homeless agencies at “any given point in time.” Efforts are taken to identify and remove duplicates from the homeless survey. However, like all homeless surveys, this one does have limitations. The results of the survey are not intended to represent the entire homeless population and the reader is cautioned against making such generalizations.

Summary

The Winter 2001 Homeless Service Providers' Survey was conducted on January 31st, 2001. The survey was mailed out to 99 service providers. Responses were received from 55 of these agencies. Participating agencies reported servicing 1,571 homeless individuals, up almost 40% from the July 30th, 2000 survey. Contributing to the increase in reported cases was the addition of public housing wait-list data from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. AHFC reported 260 households on their wait list. The bulk of the clients were in Anchorage. Areas outside of Anchorage, principally Fairbanks and Juneau, reported an increase in the number of homeless served. These increases can be attributed to a general increase in cases reported in the winter months and also an increase in participation of agencies in these communities.

For the entire state, the pattern of homeless has changed little. The majority of homeless continue to be white males in their 30s. Around 40% of the respondents indicate a substance abuse problem or a disability. However, in the community of Anchorage, demographics of the homeless are changing. Reported rates of violence have declined since the Summer 2000 survey, the percentage of homeless females has increased, and the percentage of Alaska Native who are homeless has risen. While Alaska Natives represent 8% of the general population in Anchorage, they account for almost half (41%) of the homeless surveyed, compared to 36% for the next largest race, white. Outside of Anchorage, agencies reported drops in percentage of homeless who have been victims of violence, reported substance abuse problems, or reported disabilities. Little change was reported in race representation outside of Anchorage.

Characteristics of Homeless Reported In Multiple Surveys

Client data from the January 31, 2001 survey were compared with prior surveys. Incomplete data were not included in the analysis. One-hundred eighty, or 11% of the participants in the recent survey were duplicated in previous surveys. A demographic profile of these cases suggest that homeless individuals who appear in more than one Homeless Service Providers Survey have unique characteristics. These cases have a higher rate of disability, and substance abuse than those cases who were only reported in the Winter 2001 survey. These clients also tended to be older, single males in the communities of Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau. A disproportionate number represented races other than white. These findings suggest that homeless persons with multiple problems are at greater risk of prolonged homelessness and may require services more extensive than food and/or shelter.

Agency Duplication Statistics

The homeless cases reported were analyzed for duplication across agencies. Incomplete cases were not included in the analysis. Of the 1626 cases reported by agencies, 107 were duplicated across agencies. The bulk of the duplicates, 96% were reported in Anchorage and occurred primarily in shelters and agencies that provided food. The remaining cases were primarily in Juneau, reported by day centers and shelters.

Characteristics of Homeless Reported In Current and Past Surveys

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Table 1

	With Disability or Substance Abuse		
<u>Status of Homeless Client</u>	<u>Physical Disability</u>	<u>Mental Illness</u>	<u>Substance Abuse</u>
Participated Only in Winter 2001 Survey	12%	17%	30%
Participated In Winter 2001 Survey and Previous Surveys	24%	25%	51%

	Racial Composition		
<u>Status of Homeless Client</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Alaskan Native</u>	<u>Other Race</u>
Participated Only in Winter 2001 Survey	33	38%	20%
Participated In Winter 2001 Survey and Previous Surveys	42	56%	11%

Rates of Violence Reported By The Homeless By Selected Sub-Groups

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Table 2

	Percentage that Reported Being A Victim of Violence	
Classification	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>
All Homeless Cases	32%	12%
Homeless Under 30 Years Old	26%	10%
Homeless 30 Years or Older	37%	26%
With A Disability	46%	17%
<u>Mental Illness</u>	<u>51%</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>Physical Disability</u>	<u>48%</u>	<u>18%</u>
<u>Developmental Disability</u>	<u>40%</u>	<u>22%</u>
With Substance Abuse Problem	54%	16%
With Substance Abuse Problem and Disability	62%	20%

Summary

Homeless Victims of Violence

Agencies reported a drop in the percentage of homeless clients who disclosed being a victim of violence. The total percentage for the State has dropped from 31% in the Summer 2000 survey to 24% in the Winter 2001 Survey. The drops have occurred both in Anchorage (28-21%) and the Rest of Alaska (34-28%).

Rates of reported victimization vary depending on the homeless sub-group. Women are 3 times more likely to report being a victim of violence than males. Among women, those with disabilities and a substance abuse problems are at the greatest risk. Almost 62% report being a victim of violence. Further, women aged over 30 years are also at risk.

Homeless men generally report a lower rate of victimization than females. However, certain subgroups of homeless males show greater susceptibility to violence. Males aged over 30 years or males with disabilities report higher rates of victimization than the general adult male population. Males who reported substance abuse also had higher rates of victimization than the general homeless population, however, these rates were not higher than those for males over thirty and substantially lower than females who reported substance abuse and/or a disability.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Approximately 83% of the homeless surveyed disclosed information on their use of drugs and alcohol. Of these respondents, 39% reported having a substance abuse problem, both in Anchorage and the rest of the surveyed communities. The majority of those with substance abuse problems were reported by emergency shelters and day centers.

In the Municipality of Anchorage, 28.6% of the males surveyed reported a substance abuse problem, while 10.5% of females reported a substance abuse problem. Almost half (48%) of the homeless in Anchorage with a reported substance abuse disorder also had a disability.

Outside of Anchorage, males and females reported similar rates of substance abuse - 20.8% for males and 18.2% for females. Reported rates of substance abuse and disability also mirrored those of Anchorage, with 53% reporting both.

Homeless With Substance Abuse Reported By Agencies

Gender and Disability

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Table 3

	Total Number of Valid Cases*	Percentage of Total
Municipality of Anchorage	744	100.0%
Homeless Males		
<u>No Substance Abuse</u>	236	31.7%
<u>Substance Abuse</u>		
With A Disability	99	13.3%
No Disability	114	15.3%
Homeless Females		
<u>No Substance Abuse</u>	217	29.2%
<u>Substance Abuse</u>		
With A Disability	40	5.4%
No Disability	38	5.1%

* Because of missing values 264 cases were excluded from the analysis

	Total Number of Valid Cases*	Percentage of Total
Rest of State	561	100.0%
Homeless Males		
<u>No Substance Abuse</u>	177	31.6%
<u>Substance Abuse</u>		
With A Disability	63	11.2%
No Disability	54	9.6%
Homeless Females		
<u>No Substance Abuse</u>	165	29.4%
<u>Substance Abuse</u>		
With A Disability	54	9.6%
No Disability	48	8.6%

* Because of missing values 2 cases were excluded from the analysis

Disability Demographics

Forty-percent of the homeless respondents reported having one or more disabilities. Mental illness was the most prevalent at 20%, followed by physical disability (15%) and developmental disability (11%). The percentage of physical and mental disabilities has declined since the Summer of 1999. However, the number of homeless with developmental disabilities continues to rise.

Homeless Data Available on AHFC's Web Page

Reports on AHFC's Homeless Service Provider's Survey are available at AHFC's web page - www.ahfc.state.ak.us. Data on surveys dating back to July 1994 can be obtained by selecting the "Download" option from the opening page on AHFC's web site. Survey results are also available through email. If you wish to receive future homeless survey results through e-mail please contact:

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Summary of Findings - (This survey is not a census of Alaska's homeless population)

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1	Survey Participation	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Surveys Sent	101	100.00%	28	27.27%	73	72.73%
	Surveys Returned	55	54.46%	19	67.86%	36	49.32%
	Surveys Returned By Facility Type						
	Other Agencies	20	36.36%	8	42.11%	12	33.33%
	Permanent Supported Housing Agencies	7	12.73%	2	10.53%	5	13.89%
	Shelter	22	40.00%	6	31.58%	16	44.44%
	Transitional Housing	5	9.09%	2	10.53%	3	8.33%

2	Homeless Count	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Cases Reported By Agencies ²	1,626	100.00%	1,054	597.00%	572	30.39%
	Total Homeless Including Household Members ³	1,778		1,254		524	
	Total Homeless Unduplicated Cases Reported	1,571	96.62%	1,008	95.64%	563	98.43%
	Change in Cases From Last Survey (Unduplicated)	403	25.65%	382	37.90%	21	3.73%
	Total Homeless Living With Another Household	332	21.13%	269	26.69%	63	11.19%
	Total Homeless That Did Not Provide SSN	421	26.80%	211	20.93%	210	37.30%
	Total Homeless That Did Not Provide Name	351	22.34%	164	16.27%	187	33.21%
	Total Homeless That Did Not Provide Name And SSN	141	8.98%	0	0.00%	141	25.04%
	Total Homeless Families	498	31.70%	345	34.23%	153	27.18%

3	Homeless Gender and Age	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Male	920	58.56%	626	62.10%	294	52.22%
	Total Female	645	41.06%	378	37.50%	267	47.42%
	Total Male Under 18 Years	111	7.07%	83	8.23%	28	4.97%
	Total Female Under 18 Years	89	5.67%	67	6.65%	22	3.91%
	Average Homeless Age	35.2		34.4		36.5	
	Total Homeless 62 years or older	51	3.25%	16	1.59%	35	6.22%

4	Homeless Marital & Veteran Status	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Homeless Divorced	132	8.40%	116	11.51%	16	2.84%
	Total Homeless Married	131	8.34%	71	7.04%	60	10.66%
	Total Homeless Single	1128	71.80%	741	73.51%	387	68.74%
	Total Homeless Separated	61	3.88%	34	3.37%	27	4.80%
	Total Homeless Undisclosed Marital Status	54	3.44%	32	3.17%	22	3.91%
	Total Homeless Window/Widower	21	1.34%	14	1.39%	7	1.24%
	Total Homeless Veteran	207	13.23%	129	12.81%	78	13.98%

5	Homeless Ethnic/Race Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Homeless Asian/P. Islander	44	2.80%	40	3.97%	4	0.71%
	Total Homeless Alaska Native	637	40.55%	409	40.58%	228	40.50%
	Total Homeless African-American	127	8.08%	111	11.01%	16	2.84%
	Total Homeless Hispanic	57	3.63%	35	3.47%	22	3.91%
	Total Homeless American Indian	27	1.72%	22	2.18%	5	0.89%
	Total Homeless Other/Mixed Race, Ethnic Origin	26	1.65%	17	1.69%	9	1.60%
	Total Homeless Did Not Disclose Race	10	0.64%	7	0.69%	3	0.53%
	Total Homeless White	643	40.93%	367	36.41%	276	49.02%

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6	Disability Characteristics ¹⁰	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Percentage Homeless Mentally Ill	288	20.15%	145	16.69%	143	25.54%
	Percentage Homeless with Substance Abuse Problems	511	39.19%	291	39.11%	220	39.29%
	Percentage Homeless Victims of Violence	315	24.03%	160	21.25%	155	27.78%
	Percentage Homeless Developmentally Disability	149	11.38%	94	12.55%	55	9.82%
	Percentage Homeless Physical Disability	212	14.91%	124	14.40%	88	15.69%
	Percentage Homeless with a Disability	505	39.03%	286	38.91%	219	39.18%
	Percentage Homeless w/Disability & Substance Abuse	256	19.62%	139	18.68%	117	20.86%

7	Community of Origin Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Anchorage, Juneau, or Fairbanks	855	54.42%	633	62.80%	222	39.43%
	Outside Alaska	49	3.12%	12	1.19%	37	6.57%
	Rural Community	250	15.91%	44	4.37%	206	36.59%
	Did Not Disclose/Unknown	417	26.54%	319	31.65%	98	17.41%

8	Duplicate Cases Survey Participation	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Duplicate Cases	107	6.58%	89	8.44%	18	3.15%
	Duplicates from Last Survey	180	11.07%	141	13.38%	39	6.82%
	Total Unique Clients Duplicated	59	3.63%	50	4.74%	9	1.57%
	Average Number of Duplicate Cases Per Unique Client ⁴	2		2		2	

9	Duplicate Cases Disability Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Unduplicated Clients ⁵	1,519	100.00%	965	66.06%	554	33.94%
	With Any Disability	479	36.87%	264	35.68%	215	38.46%
	With A Disability and Substance Abuse	242	18.49%	126	16.84%	116	20.68%
	Duplicated Clients ⁶	107	100.00%	89	96.00%	18	4.00%
	With Any Disability	53	77.94%	46	92.00%	7	38.89%
	With a Disability and Substance Abuse	29	42.65%	26	52.00%	3	16.67%

10	Duplicate Cases Community of Origin Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Unduplicated Clients ⁵						
	Anchorage, Juneau, or Fairbanks	810	53.32%	596	61.76%	214	38.63%
	Rural Alaskan Community	249	16.39%	43	4.46%	206	37.18%
	Outside Alaska	48	3.16%	12	1.24%	36	6.50%
	Did Not Disclose/Unknown	412	27.12%	314	32.54%	98	17.69%
	Duplicated Clients ⁶						
	Anchorage, Juneau, or Fairbanks	71	66.36%	55	61.80%	16	88.89%
	Rural Alaskan Community	1	0.93%	1	1.12%	0	0.00%
	Outside Alaska	4	3.74%	2	2.25%	2	11.11%
	Did Not Disclose/Unknown	31	28.97%	31	34.83%	0	0.00%

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11	Children With Homeless Families/ Cases	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Cases	124	100.00%	105	84.68%	19	15.32%
	Total Male	72	58.06%	59	56.19%	13	68.42%
	Total Female	52	41.94%	46	43.81%	6	31.58%
	Average Age	8		9		6	
	Average Family Size	4		4		3	
	Number With Families Who Are Doubled Up	52	41.9%	50	47.62%	2	10.53%

12	Children With Homeless Families Ethnic/Race Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Hispanic (all races)	3	2.42%	2	1.90%	1	1.01%
	Total White	35	28.23%	27	25.71%	8	2.35%
	Total African American	9	7.26%	8	7.62%	1	0.00%
	Total Am. Indian/Ak. Native	52	41.94%	44	41.90%	8	3.02%
	Total Asian/P. Islander	25	20.16%	25	23.81%	0	2.35%
	Total Other race/ethnic origin	6	4.84%	5	4.76%	1	0.00%

13	Children With Homeless Families Other Characteristics	State of Alaska		Anchorage Only		State w/o Anchorage	
		#	%	#	%	#	%
	Total Mentally Ill	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	Total Victims of Domestic Violence	20	16.13%	6	5.71%	14	73.68%
	Total Developmentally Disabled	5	4.03%	4	3.81%	1	5.26%

14	Homeless Reported By Community ⁸	Summer 1998	Winter 1999	Summer 1999	Winter 2000	Summer 2000	Winter 2001
	Anchorage	680	931	797	904	626	1008
	Barrow	0	4	0	0	0	0
	Bethel	5	2	4	1	0	19
	Copper Center						1
	Cordova	0	0	0	0	0	
	Dillingham	2	97	3	2	13	13
	Emmonak	0	0	0	8	0	0
	Fairbanks	34	153	58	175	29	168
	Glenallen						1
	Haines	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Homer	16	6	10	0	6	3
	Juneau	137	68	91	129	127	197
	Ketchikan	28	1	23	24	0	20
	Kenai	38	36	13	28	23	34
	Kodiak	12	23	21	30	22	21
	Nome	6	6	6	6	4	1
	Palmer	16	12	22	17	15	17
	Seward	3	10	15	9	0	8
	Sitka	3	4	4	4	19	17
	Skagway	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Soldotna	0	0	13	0	0	2
	Talkeetna	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Unalaska	0	1	0	2	0	0
	Valdez	2	0	1	0	0	0
	Wasilla	32	21	21	35	40	41
	Wrangell	2	6	0	0	0	0
	Total	1018	1381	1102	1375	924	1571

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15	#	Community	Participating Agency	Cases Reported ⁹
	1	Anchorage	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Public Housing Wait List	260
	2	Anchorage	Alaska AIDS Assistance Association	7
	3	Anchorage	Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation	14
	4	Anchorage	Anchorage School District	83
	5	Anchorage	AWAIC-Alaska Women Aid In Crisis	18
	6	Anchorage	Beans Caf�	214
	7	Anchorage	Beyond Shelter Program	63
	8	Anchorage	Brother Francis Shelter - Anchorage	155
	9	Anchorage	Clare House	11
	10	Anchorage	Cook Inlet Housing Authority	4
	11	Anchorage	Covenant House Alaska	69
	12	Anchorage	Homeward Bound	19
	13	Anchorage	Intermission Crisis Nursery	9
	14	Anchorage	Lutheran Social Services of Alaska	1
	15	Anchorage	Municipality of Anchorage Safe Cities Program	68
	16	Anchorage	Southcentral Counseling Center	117
	17	Anchorage	The ARC of Anchorage	16
	18	Anchorage	The Salvation Army - Clitheroe Center	52
	19	Anchorage	The Salvation Army-McKinnell Shelter	20
	20	Bethel	Bethel Community Services	17
	21	Dillingham	City of Dillingham Senior Center	10
	22	Dillingham	Safe and Fear Free Environment	3
	23	Fairbanks	Alaska Legal Services	3
	24	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Native Association	49
	25	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Rescue Mission	25
	26	Fairbanks	Immaculate Conception	56
	27	Fairbanks	Interior AIDS Association	1
	28	Fairbanks	Interior AK Center for Non-Violent Living (WICCA)	18
	29	Fairbanks	The Salvation Army - Fairbanks	3
	30	Juneau	AWARE Aiding Women from Abused and Rape Emerg.	11
	31	Juneau	Gastineau Human Services	50
	32	Juneau	JCCM DBA "The Glory Hole"	65
	33	Juneau	Juneau Alliance for Mental Health Incorporated	10
	34	Juneau	Juneau Youth Services, Inc.	12
	35	Juneau	REACH	0
	36	Juneau	Saint Vincent Depaul	24
	37	Kenai	Central Peninsula Counseling Services	8
	38	Kenai	Kenai Women's Resource and Crisis Center	18
	39	Kenai	Love Inc.	0
	40	Kenai	The Salvation Army - Kenai	2
	41	Ketchikan	Ketchikan Committee for the Homeless	13
	42	Ketchikan	Women in Safe Homes	2
	43	Kodiak	Brother Francis Shelter - Kodiak	16
	44	Kodiak	Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center	2
	45	Kodiak	Providence Kodiak Island Mental Health Center	3
	46	Palmer	Palmer Senior Citizens Center	2
	47	Palmer	Valley Women's Resource Center	4
	48	Seward	Seaview Community Services	11
	49	Sitka	Sitka Prevention and Treatment Services	9
	50	Sitka	Sitkans Against Family Violence	7
	51	Unalaska	Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence	0
	52	Valdez	Advocates for Victims of Violence	0
	53	Wasilla	Kids Are People, Inc.	6
	54	Wasilla	Life Quest Mental Health Center	31
	55	Wasilla	Nugents Ranch	0
				1,691

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16	Survey Participation	State of Alaska							Anchorage							Rest of State						
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan
	Percentage Of Surveys Received	63	53	68	65	60	65	60	68	79	57		54		63	53	68	65	60	65	60	67
	Percentage Change In Unduplicated Homeless Reported	13	4	-3	17	-14	-2	36	-20	25	-33		26	30	11	-7	27	-9	-5	37	-14	13
	Percentage Of Duplicate Cases							20	14	12		7								6	4	2
	Percentage of Cases Duplicated With Last Survey							15	8	18		11								6	3	4

17	Homeless Gender and Age	State of Alaska							State of Alaska							State of Alaska						
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan
	Percentage Male	65	59	65	59	58	54	51	55	60	64		59	65	70	70	63	61	55	59	52	66
	Percentage Female	35	41	35	39	31	37	32	32	40	36		41	35	30	30	35	26	41	30	30	33
	Percentage Male under 18 years	9	13	10	10	3	3	3	4	7	3		7	11	9	9	9	1	3	4	4	9
	Percentage Female under 18 years	8	12	8	8	2	4	3	3	6	2		6	8	6	6	5	3	3	3	3	8
	Percentage 62 years or older	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	3	2	4		3	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	3	2
	Average Age	33	32	34	33	39	37	37	38	36	40		35	34	36	36	35	38	37	38	39	35

18	Disability Features	State of Alaska							State of Alaska							State of Alaska						
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan
	Percentage Homeless Mentally Ill	14	22	14	24	22	15	19	21	23	23		20	11	20	11	29	20	13	21	20	22
	Percentage Homeless with Substance Abuse Problems	36	40	32	33	42	40	36	43	44	43		39	41	47	38	38	44	39	41	43	41
	Percentage Homeless Victims of Violence	32	32	23	26	20	21	18	24	24	30		24	30	29	19	23	18	19	18	22	20
	Percentage Homeless Developmentally Disability	7	6	8	8	7	5	8	8	11	8		11	8	6	6	9	7	7	8	7	11
	Percentage Homeless Physical Disability	14	11	13	10	15	16	17	18	21	18		15	20	14	13	13	15	20	19	17	21
	Percentage Homeless with a Disability	29	31	27	32	34	27	33	31	39	38		39	30	32	25	40	32	28	36	30	39
	Percentage Homeless w/Disability & Substance Abuse	13	17	12	16	14	16	16	16	22	19		20	16	20	13	20	17	15	20	16	22

19	Community of Residence Last Six Months	State of Alaska							State of Alaska							State of Alaska						
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
		Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan	Jul	Jan
	Percentage - Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau				28	59	63	63	66	63	54					29	69	75	73	71	70	63
	Percentage - Anywhere but Anchorage, Fbks, & Juneau				26	19	20	17	14	19	16					24	11	5	3	5	8	4
	Percentage - Out of State				27	8	7	5	4	4	3					27	7	8	4	2	2	1

Homeless Service Providers Survey

Summary of Findings - (This survey is not a census of Alaska's homeless population)

January 31, 2001

IMPORTANT: The figures do not represent the total homeless population of the State of Alaska.

The survey is a one-day count of the homeless served by participating agencies

Unless otherwise indicated, all homeless client demographics are calculated from unduplicated cases.

Notes:

1. Because agencies have more than one homeless service, this categorization is provided
2. All cases reported by agencies except those in Permanent Housing and Correctional Facilities
3. Total Homeless + Total Household Members Reported Per Case
4. Average number of duplicates per client = Total Duplicate Cases/ Total Unique Clients Duplicated
5. All clients that were not reported more than once across agencies
6. Clients that were reported more than once by one or more agencies
7. Children with families = any children reported by homeless agencies who were with families (Not included in Total Count)
8. Unduplicated cases per community, does not include Permanent Housing and Children with Families
9. These are cases reported by agencies and include Permanent Housing, Children with Families and People in Correctional Facilities. Not all of these meet the AHFC/HUD definition of homelessness
10. The percentage calculation for disabilities and veteran status does not include unknown cases